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SUBJECT: OUTCOME OF 15TH INTERGOVERNMENTAL MEETING ON CON-  
SERVATION OF YELLOWFIN TUNA

SUBJECT MEETING WAS HELD AT DEPARTMENT OF STATE IN WASHING-  
TON ON DECEMBER 6,7,8, IN CONTINUATION OF MEETING HELD  
THERE NOVEMBER 12-16. ALL IATIC MEMBERS EXCEPT FRANCE WERE  
REPRESENTED BY ACCREDITED DELEGATES. DESPITE THREE DAYS OF  
INTENSIVE NEGOTIATION, IT DID NOT PROVE POSSIBLE TO REACH  
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AGREEMENT ON WHICH TO BASE TUNA CONSERVATION REGIME FOR

1974. MEXICO HELD FAST TO DEMAND FOR GUARANTEE OF 20,000 TONS OF YELLOWFIN, INCLUDING CLOSED SEASON ALLOCATION FOR LARGE VESSELS THAT WOULD HAVE ELIMINATED DISTRESSED VESSEL RATIONALE AND PERMITTED SEASONED EFFICIENT LARGE VESSELS RECENTLY ACQUIRED FROM US TO FISH ESSENTIALLY WITHOUT ANY RESTRICTION ALL YEAR. US DELEGATION WAS PREPARED TO AGREE TO 8,000 TONS IN CLOSED SEASON FOR ALL LARGE MEXICAN BOATS PLUS USUAL 6,000 TONS FOR SMALL BOATS PLUS ONE FREE TRIP TO BE TAKEN AT ANY TIME IN YEAR, AN ARRANGEMENT WHICH IT FELT VIRTUALLY ASSURED MEXICANS 20,000 TONS, BUT THIS OFFER WAS REJECTED. AT SUGGESTION OF OTHER IATTC MEMBER COUNTRIES, US AND MEXICO ARE TO MEET IN MEXICO CITY JANUARY 14-16 TO TRY AGAIN TO REACH SOLUTION. IF THEY AGREE ON FORMULA, IT IS TO BE CIRCULATED TO OTHER COUNTRIES FOR APPROVAL BY CORRESPONDENCE, AND UNLESS THERE IS SERIOUS DISAGREEMENT

WITH US-MEXICAN FORMULA, NO THIRD MEETING WILL BE NECESSARY. US DELEGATION PROPOSED THAT ATTEMPT BE MADE TO REACH AGREEMENT AT LEAST IN PRINCIPLE ON OVERALL YELLOWFIN CATCH QUOTA FOR NEXT YEAR, BUT MEXICAN DELEGATION THOUGHT THIS WOULD BE PREMATURE. THUS WHEN US-MEXICAN COMPROMISE ON SPECIAL ALLOCATIONS IS CIRCULATED, COMMISSION STAFF WILL ALSO HAVE TO CIRCULATE PROPOSAL FOR QUOTA AND OTHER ELEMENTS OF CONSERVATION SYSTEM FOR MEMBERS' APPROVAL. PRESENT SITUATION IS THAT UNRESRICTED FISHING FOR YELLOWFIN TUNA BY ALL COUNTRIES WILL BEGIN JANUARY 1, 1974, AND UNLESS AGREEMENT ON QUOTA AND OTHER PROVISIONS IS REACHED PROMPTLY, THERE MAY BE SERIOUS RISK OF OVERFISHING AND REDUCTION OF YELLOWFIN STOCK. RUSH

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